IN THE MATTER OF * BEFORE THE MARYLAND

TASIA INGRAM, Pharm. Tech * STATE BOARD OF

Respondent * PHARMACY

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Registration No: T12189 Case No: 18-278

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ORDER FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION OF PHARMACY TECHNICIAN REGISTRATION UNDER THE MARYLAND PHARMACY ACT

The Maryland Board of Pharmacy ("the Board") hereby **SUMMARILY SUSPENDS** the pharmacy technician registration of Tasia Ingram, Pharm. Tech., registration number T12189 ("the Respondent"). The Board takes such action pursuant to its authority under Md. Code Ann., State Gov't § 10-226(c) (2014 Repl. Vol. & 2017 Supp.), concluding that "the public health, safety and welfare imperatively requires emergency action."

INVESTIGATIVE FINDINGS¹

This Order is based upon the following investigative findings, which the Board has reason to believe are true:

- 1. At all times relevant hereto, the Respondent was a registered pharmacy technician in the State of Maryland.
- 2. The Respondent received her pharmacy technician registration on or about

¹ The allegations set forth in this document are intended to provide the Respondent with notice of the basis for the Board's action. They are not intended as, and do not necessarily represent, a complete description of the evidence, either documentary or testimonial, to be offered against the Respondent in this matter.

- November 25, 2015.
- 3. At all times relevant hereto, the Respondent was employed by a pharmacy chain (the "Pharmacy")² with multiple locations throughout Baltimore, Maryland.
- 4. On April 26, 2018, the Board received a complaint alleging the Respondent was diverting narcotics from several of the Pharmacy's locations.
- 5. The Complainant stated that during routine Control Medication inventory, the Pharmacy noticed unusually large discrepancies for various oxycodone strengths in three different locations over the course of the last three months.
- 6. Video footage dating back to December 27, 2017 revealed the Respondent accessing the Control Safe without registering a withdrawal of medication, which is against the Pharmacy's protocol.
- 7. The Respondent is seen in the video taking a 100-count bottle of oxycodone 30 mg tablets.
- 8. The Respondent is then seen counting the medication, placing it in an unlabeled medication viral, putting it in a prescription bag, and throwing it in a trash can, which she is seen retrieving several minutes later.
- 9. The video took footage was taken between 7 8 p.m. at the end of the Respondent's shift.
- 10. The Respondent was thus terminated from her employment at the Pharmacy.
- 11. The Respondent's diversion of a Schedule II narcotic constitutes an immediate

² For confidentiality and privacy purposes, the names of individuals and facilities involved in this case are not disclosed in this document. Upon written request, the Administrative Prosecutor will provide the information to the Respondent.

threat to the public requiring emergency action.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based on the foregoing investigative facts, the Board concludes as a matter of law that the public health, safety, and welfare imperatively require emergency action in this case, pursuant to Md. Code Ann., State Gov't . § 10-226(c)(2).

ORDER

Based on the foregoing Investigative Findings and Conclusions of Law, it is this ay day of Avgust, 2018, by a majority of the quorum of the Board, hereby:

ORDERED that pursuant to the authority vested in the Board by Md. Code Ann., State Gov't § 10-226(c)(2), the Respondent's pharmacy technician registration in the State of Maryland, registration number T12189, is hereby **SUMMARILY SUSPENDED**; and it is further

ORDERED that the Respondent is prohibited from practicing as a pharmacy technician in the State of Maryland; and it is further

ORDERED that the Respondent shall immediately return all registrations to the Board; and it is further

ORDERED that the Respondent has the opportunity to appear before the Board for a post-deprivation show cause hearing. A request for a post-deprivation show cause hearing must be in writing and be made WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS of receipt of this order; and it is further

ORDERED that if the Respondent fails to request a post-deprivation show cause hearing in writing in a timely manner, or if the Respondent requests a post-deprivation

show cause hearing but fails to appear when scheduled, the Respondent's pharmacy technician registration will remain **SUSPENDED**; and it is further

ORDERED that this ORDER FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION is a PUBLIC DOCUMENT pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Gen. Prov. §§ 4-101 et seq. (2014 Repl. Vol. and 2017 Supp.).

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Deena Speights-Mapata, Executive

Director, for Kevin M. Morgan, Pharm.D., President State Board of Pharmacy